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SUBJECT: FY 77 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM XAVIER CASASSAS

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1. AS FLAGGED IN REFTEL A, HERewith PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR
SOC (SOLIDARITY OF CATALAN WORKERS) SECRETARY GENERAL
XAVIER CASASSAS WHO ARRIVES WASHINGTON ON JUNE 12 (REFTEL B).
AN ESCORT INTERPRETER WILL BE NEEDED.

2. SUGGESTIONS FOR WASHINGTON PROGRAM FOLLOW. IN ADDITION
TO A VISIT TO THE AFL-CIO DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS, SUGGEST CALLS ON FOLLOWING U.S. TRADE UNIONIST
WHO HAVE VISITED SPAIN: JACK OTERO (BRAC VP FOR INTER-
NATIONAL AFFAIRS), ED TORRES (UAW, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS), AND BEN SHARMAN (IAM INTERNATIONAL
REPRESENTATIVE). INASMUCH AS CASASSAS IS PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN PUBLIC SERVICES, TEACHING AND GOVERNMENT
AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, VISITS TO OPEIU (OFFICE AND
PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION), ADSCME
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EMPLOYEES) AND AFT (AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS)
WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. BEING EMPLOYED IN THE BANKING
FIELD. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN BANK EMPLOYEES. HE
HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO VISIT AIFLD (AMERICAN
INSTITUTE FOR FREE LABOR DEVELOPMENT) HEADQUARTERS
AND ITS FRONT ROYAL INSTITUTE, AS WELL AS THE U.S.
SENATE. WE RECOMMEND A CALL ON MONSIGNOR GEROGE C.

HIGGINS, SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH AND DIRECTOR OF URBAN AFFAIRS OF THE USCC (UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CONFERENCE). AND HIS COLLEAGUES INTERESTED IN SPAIN. CASASSAS WISHES TO CALL ON FR. GABRIEL CALVO, F.I.R.E.S. (CATHOLIC FAMILY PROGRAM?). 1425 OTIS ST. N.E. WASHINGTON DC. IN ADDITION, CASASSAS SHOULD BE EXPOSED TO APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT NLRB, AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CONTACTS.

3. CASASSAS WOULD LIKE TO VISIT NEW YORK (INCLUDING THE UN), THE MIDDLE WEST, AND SAN FRANCISCO, IN ADDITIONAL, IF TIME PERMITS, HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEING EXPOSED TO THE PUERTO RICAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN SAN JUAN, AND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, HE BELIEVES THERE MIGHT BE SOME MERIT IN COMPARING THE REGIONAL PROBLEMS OF CATALONIA AND PUERTO RICO. CASSAS UNDERSTANDS THERE IS A CHAIR OF CATALAN STUDIES AT BOTH THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AND THE UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA, AND WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO VISIT ONE OR THE OTHER. IN VIEW OF WISCONSIN'S WELL KNOWN LABOR STUDIES AND COOPERATIVES PROGRAM WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT UNIVERSITY IF APPROPRIATE. THE STOP IN WISCONSIN OR INDIANA COULD BE COMBINED WITH THE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO VISIT A SMALLER REPRESENTATIVE MIDWESTERN CITY OR TOWN (INCLUDING IF POSSIBLE A STAY IN AN AMERICAN HOME), AND ALSO OBSERVE THE FUNCTIONING OF BOTH CITY AND STATE GOVERNMENT. CASASSAS WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN OBSERVING ANY APPRENTICESHIP OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN PRIVATE
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INDUSTRY. FINALLY, INASMUCH AS CASSAS WAS AT ONE TIME PRESIDENT OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF CATALONIA, ANY EXPOSURE TO AMERICAN SCOUTING WOULD BE APPRECIATED. STABLER

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